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2016 America the Beautiful Quarters® Program Lesson Plans

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WASHINGTON – The United States Mint today released new lesson plans based on the 2016 America the Beautiful Quarters Program designs.

The lessons are free for educators looking to use coins in their classrooms, homes, or youth organizations and may be downloaded at http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/lessonPlans/.

In 2010, the United States Mint began to issue 56 quarter-dollar coins featuring designs depicting national parks and other national sites as part of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The year 2016 marks the seventh year of the program and features designs from Shawnee National Forest (Illinois), Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Kentucky), Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (West Virginia), Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Dakota), and Fort Moultrie [Fort Sumter National Monument] (South Carolina).

The 10 free lessons target kindergarten through 12th grades and cover a range of subjects, including social studies, language arts, science, technology, math, and visual art.

About the United States Mint

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